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(57) Abstract

The invention provides methods and compositions relating to IKAP proteins which regulate cellular signal transduction and transcriptional activation, and related nucleic acids. The polypeptides may be produced recombinantly from transformed host cells from the disclosed IKAP encoding nucleic acids or purified from human cells. The invention provides isolated IKAP hybridization probes and primers capable of specifically hybridizing with the disclosed IKAP genes, IKAP–specific binding agents such as specific antibodies, and methods of making and using the subject compositions in diagnosis, therapy and in the biopharmaceutical industry.

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IKAP Proteins, Nucleic Acids and Methods

INTRODUCTION

Field of the Invention

The field of this invention is proteins involved in cell signal transduction.

Background

Cytokines trigger changes in gene expression by modifying the activity of otherwise latent transcription factors (Hill and Treisman, 1995). Nuclear factor κB (NF-κB) is a prominent example of how such an external stimulus is converted into an active transcription factor (Verma et al., 1995). The NF-κB system is composed of homo- and heterodimers of members of the Rel family of related transcription factors that control the expression of numerous immune and inflammatory response genes as well as important viral genes (Lenardo and Baltimore, 1989; Baeuerle and Henkel, 1994). The activity of NF-κB transcription factors is regulated by their subcellular localization (Verma et al., 1995). In most cell types, NF-κB is present as a heterodimer comprising of a 50 kDa and a 65 kDa subunit. This heterodimer is sequestered in the cytoplasm in association with IκBα a member of the IκB family of inhibitory proteins (Finco and Baldwin, 1995; Thanos and Maniatis, 1995; Verma et al., 1995). IκBα masks the nuclear localization signal of NF-κB and thereby prevents NF-κB nuclear translocation. Conversion of NF-κB into an active transcription factor that translocates into the nucleus and binds to cognate DNA sequences requires the phosphorylation and subsequent ubiquitin-dependent degradation of IκBα in the 26s proteasome. Signal-induced phosphorylation of IκBα occurs at serines 32 and 36. Mutation of one or both of these serines renders IκBα resistant to ubiquitination and proteolytic degradation (Chen et al., 1995); DiDonato, 1996 #370, Roff, 1996 #397.

The pleiotropic cytokines tumor necrosis factor (TNF) and interleukin-1 (IL-1) are among the physiological inducers of IκB phosphorylation and subsequent NF-κB activation (Osborn et al., 1989; Beg et al., 1993). Although TNF and IL-1 initiate signaling cascades leading to NF-κB activation via distinct families of cell-surface receptors (Smith et al., 1994; Dinarello, 1996), both pathways utilize members of the TNF receptor-associated factor (TRAF) family of adaptor proteins as signal transducers (Rothe et al., 1995; Hsu et al., 1996;

Cao et al., 1996b). TRAF proteins were originally found to associate directly with the cytoplasmic domains of several members of the TNF receptor family including the 75 kDa TNF receptor (TNFR2), CD40, CD30, and the lymphotoxin-β receptor (Rothe et al., 1994; Hu et al., 1994; Cheng et al., 1995; Mosialos et al., 1995; Song and Donner, 1995; Sato et al., 1995; Lee et al., 1996; Gedrich et al., 1996; Ansieau et al., 1996). In addition, TRAF proteins are recruited indirectly to the 55 kDa TNF receptor (TNFR1) by the adaptor protein TRADD (Hsu et al., 1996). Activation of NF-κB by TNF requires TRAF2 (Rothe et al., 1995; Hsu et al., 1996). TRAF5 has also been implicated in NF-κB activation by members of the TNF receptor family (Nakano et al., 1996); Ishida, 1996 #240. In contrast, TRAF6 participates in NF-κB activation by IL-1 (Cao et al., 1996b). Upon IL-1 treatment, TRAF6 associates with IRAK, a serine-threonine kinase that binds to the IL-1 receptor complex (Cao et al., 1996a); Huang, 1997 #400.

The NF-κB-inducing kinase (NIK) is a member of the MAP kinase kinase kinase (MAP3K) family that was identified as a TRAF2-interacting protein (Malinin et al., 1997). NIK activates NF-κB when overexpressed, and kinase-inactive mutants of NIK comprising its TRAF2-interacting C-terminal domain ($NIK_{(624-947)}$) or lacking two crucial lysine residues in its kinase domain ($NIK_{(KK429-430AA)}$) behave as dominant-negative inhibitors that suppress TNF-, IL-1-, and TRAF2-induced NF-κB activation (Malinin et al., 1997). Recently, NIK was found to associate with additional members of the TRAF family, including TRAF5 and TRAF6. Catalytically inactive mutants of NIK also inhibited TRAF5- and TRAF6-induced NF-κB activation, thus providing a unifying concept for NIK as a common mediator in the NF-κB signaling cascades triggered by TNF and IL-1 downstream of TRAFs. Recently two NIK-interacting protein designated characterized as novel human kinase IκB Kinases, IKK-α and IKK-β have been reported (Woronicz et al., 1997; Mercurio et al. 1997; Maniatis, 1997). Catalytically inactive mutants of IKK suppress NF-κB activation induced by TNF and IL-1 stimulation as well as by TRAF and NIK overexpression; transiently expressed IKK associates with endogenous IκBα complex; and IKK phosphorylates IκBα on serines 32 and 36.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides methods and compositions relating to isolated IKAP polypeptides, related nucleic acids, polypeptide domains thereof having IKAP-specific structure and activity and modulators of IKAP function, particularly NIK binding activity. IKAP polypeptides can regulate NFκB activation and hence provide important regulators of cell function. The polypeptides may be produced recombinantly from transformed host cells from the subject IKAP polypeptide encoding nucleic acids or purified from mammalian cells. The invention provides isolated IKAP hybridization probes and primers capable of specifically hybridizing with the disclosed IKAP gene, IKAP-specific binding agents such as specific antibodies, and methods of making and using the subject compositions in diagnosis (e.g. genetic hybridization screens for IKAP transcripts), therapy (e.g. IKAP inhibitors to inhibit TNF signal transduction) and in the biopharmaceutical industry (e.g. as immunogens, reagents for isolating other transcriptional regulators, reagents for screening chemical libraries for lead pharmacological agents, etc.).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE

Fig. 1. IKAP polypeptides activate NFκB.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The nucleotide sequence of a natural cDNA encoding a human IKAP polypeptide is shown as SEQ ID NO:1, and the full conceptual translate is shown as SEQ ID NO:2. The IKAP polypeptides of the invention include one or more functional domains of SEQ ID NO:2, which domains comprise at least 8, preferably at least 16, more preferably at least 32, most preferably at least 64 contiguous residues of SEQ ID NO:2 and have human IKAP-specific amino acid sequence and activity. IKAP domain specific activities include NIK-binding or binding inhibitory activity, NFκB-binding or binding inhibitory activity and IKAP specific immunogenicity and/or antigenicity.

IKAP-specific activity or function may be determined by convenient *in vitro*, cell-based, or *in vivo* assays: e.g. *in vitro* binding assays, cell culture assays, in animals (e.g. gene therapy, transgenics, etc.), etc. Binding assays encompass any assay where the molecular interaction of an IKAP polypeptide with a binding target is evaluated. The binding target may be a natural intracellular binding target such as an IKAP binding target, a IKAP

regulating protein or other regulator that directly modulates IKAP activity or its localization; or non-natural binding target such a specific immune protein such as an antibody, or an IKAP specific agent such as those identified in screening assays such as described below. IKAP-binding specificity may assayed by binding equilibrium constants (usually at least about 10^7 M^{-1}, preferably at least about 10^8 M^{-1}, more preferably at least about 10^9 M^{-1}), by NFκB reporter expression, by the ability of the subject polypeptide to function as negative mutants in IKAP-expressing cells, to elicit IKAP specific antibody in a heterologous host (e.g a rodent or rabbit), etc.

For example, deletion mutagenesis is used to defined functional IKAP domains which activate NFκB expression or function as dominant/negative mutants in IKAP-mediated NFκB activation assays. See, e.g. Table 1.

Table 1. Exemplary IKAP deletion mutants defining IKAP functional domains.

Mutant	Sequence	NFκB	Dom/Neg
ΔN1	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 42-1332	+	-
ΔN2	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 142-1332	+	-
ΔN3	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 242-1332	+	-
ΔN4	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 342-1332	+	-
ΔN5	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 442-1332	+	-
ΔC1	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1-923	-	+
ΔC2	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1-441	-	
ΔC3	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1-241	-	
ΔC4	SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1-241	-	

In a particular embodiment, the subject domains provide IKAP-specific antigens and/or immunogens, especially when coupled to carrier proteins. For example, peptides corresponding to IKAP- and human IKAP-specific domains are covalently coupled to keyhole limpet antigen (KLH) and the conjugate is emulsified in Freunds complete adjuvant. Laboratory rabbits are immunized according to conventional protocol and bled. The presence of IKAP-specific antibodies is assayed by solid phase immunosorbant assays using immobilized IKAP polypeptides of SEQ ID NO:2, see, e.g. Table 2.

Table 2. Immunogenic IKAP polypeptides eliciting IKAP-specific rabbit polyclonal antibody: IKAP polypeptide-KLH conjugates immunized per protocol described above.

IKAP Polypeptide Sequence	Immunogenicity
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1-10	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 29-41	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 75-87	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 92-109	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 132-141	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 192-205	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 258-269	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 295-311	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 316-330	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 373-382	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 403-422	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 474-485	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 561-576	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 683-697	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 768-777	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 798-813	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 882-894	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 934-946	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1054-1067	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1181-1192	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1273-1282	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1283-1294	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1295-1312	+++
SEQ ID NO:2, residues 1313-1332	+++

The claimed IKAP polypeptides are isolated or pure: an "isolated" polypeptide is unaccompanied by at least some of the material with which it is associated in its natural state, preferably constituting at least about 0.5%, and more preferably at least about 5% by weight of the total polypeptide in a given sample and a pure polypeptide constitutes at least

about 90%, and preferably at least about 99% by weight of the total polypeptide in a given sample. The IKAP polypeptides and polypeptide domains may be synthesized, produced by recombinant technology, or purified from mammalian, preferably human cells. A wide variety of molecular and biochemical methods are available for biochemical synthesis, molecular expression and purification of the subject compositions, see e.g. Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual (Sambrook, *et al.* Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory), Current Protocols in Molecular Biology (Eds. Ausubel, *et al.*, Greene Publ. Assoc., Wiley-Interscience, NY) or that are otherwise known in the art.

The invention provides binding agents specific to IKAP polypeptides, preferably the claimed IKAP polypeptides, including substrates, agonists, antagonists, natural intracellular binding targets, etc., methods of identifying and making such agents, and their use in diagnosis, therapy and pharmaceutical development. For example, specific binding agents are useful in a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic applications, especially where disease or disease prognosis is associated with improper utilization of a pathway involving the subject proteins, e.g. NF-κB activation. Novel IKAP-specific binding agents include IKAP-specific receptors, such as somatically recombined polypeptide receptors like specific antibodies or T-cell antigen receptors (see, e.g Harlow and Lane (1988) Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory) and other natural intracellular binding agents identified with assays such as one-, two- and three-hybrid screens, non-natural intracellular binding agents identified in screens of chemical libraries such as described below, etc. Agents of particular interest modulate IKAP function, e.g. IKAP-dependent transcriptional activation.

Accordingly, the invention provides methods for modulating signal transduction involving NFκB in a cell comprising the step of modulating IKAP activity. The cell may reside in culture or in situ, i.e. within the natural host. For diagnostic uses, the inhibitors or other IKAP binding agents are frequently labeled, such as with fluorescent, radioactive, chemiluminescent, or other easily detectable molecules, either conjugated directly to the binding agent or conjugated to a probe specific for the binding agent. Exemplary inhibitors include nucleic acids encoding dominant/negative mutant forms of IKAP, as described above, etc.

The amino acid sequences of the disclosed IKAP polypeptides are used to back-translate IKAP polypeptide-encoding nucleic acids optimized for selected expression systems (Holler et al. (1993) Gene 136, 323-328; Martin et al. (1995) Gene 154, 150-166) or

used to generate degenerate oligonucleotide primers and probes for use in the isolation of natural IKAP-encoding nucleic acid sequences ("GCG" software. Genetics Computer Group, Inc. Madison WI). IKAP-encoding nucleic acids used in IKAP-expression vectors and incorporated into recombinant host cells, e.g. for expression and screening, transgenic animals, e.g. for functional studies such as the efficacy of candidate drugs for disease associated with IKAP-modulated cell function, etc.

The invention also provides nucleic acid hybridization probes and replication / amplification primers having a IKAP cDNA specific sequence comprising at least 12, preferably at least 24, more preferably at least 36 and most preferably at least contiguous 96 bases of a strand of SEQ ID NO:1 sufficient to specifically hybridize with a second nucleic acid comprising the complementary strand of SEQ ID NO:1. Demonstrating specific hybridization generally requires stringent conditions, for example, hybridizing in a buffer comprising 30% formamide in 5 x SSPE (0.18 M NaCl, 0.01 M $NaPO_4$, pH7.7, 0.001 M EDTA) buffer at a temperature of 42°C and remaining bound when subject to washing at 42°C with 0.2 x SSPE; preferably hybridizing in a buffer comprising 50% formamide in 5 x SSPE buffer at a temperature of 42°C and remaining bound when subject to washing at 42°C with 0.2 x SSPE buffer at 42°C.

Table 3. Exemplary IKAP nucleic acids which hybridize with a strand of SEQ ID NO:1 under Conditions I and/or II.

IKAP Nucleic Acids	Hybridization
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 1-47	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 58-99	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 95-138	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 181-220	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 261-299	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 274-315	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 351-389	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 450-593	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 524-546	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 561-608	+
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 689-727	+

SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 808-837 +
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 938-1001 +
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 1205-1254 +
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 1855-1907 +
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 2910-2953 +
SEQ ID NO:1, nucleotides 3967-3999 +

The subject nucleic acids are of synthetic/non-natural sequences and/or are isolated, i.e. unaccompanied by at least some of the material with which it is associated in its natural state, preferably constituting at least about 0.5%, preferably at least about 5% by weight of total nucleic acid present in a given fraction, and usually recombinant, meaning they comprise a non-natural sequence or a natural sequence joined to nucleotide(s) other than that which it is joined to on a natural chromosome. Recombinant nucleic acids comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or requisite fragments thereof, contain such sequence or fragment at a terminus, immediately flanked by (i.e. contiguous with) a sequence other than that which it is joined to on a natural chromosome, or flanked by a native flanking region fewer than 10 kb, preferably fewer than 2 kb, preferably fewer than 500 bp, which is at a terminus or is immediately flanked by a sequence other than that which it is joined to on a natural chromosome. While the nucleic acids are usually RNA or DNA, it is often advantageous to use nucleic acids comprising other bases or nucleotide analogs to provide modified stability, etc.

The subject nucleic acids find a wide variety of applications including use as translatable transcripts, hybridization probes, PCR primers, diagnostic nucleic acids, etc.: use in detecting the presence of IKAP genes and gene transcripts and in detecting or amplifying nucleic acids encoding additional IKAP homologs and structural analogs. In diagnosis, IKAP hybridization probes find use in identifying wild-type and mutant IKAP alleles in clinical and laboratory samples. Mutant alleles are used to generate allele-specific oligonucleotide (ASO) probes for high-throughput clinical diagnoses. In therapy, therapeutic IKAP nucleic acids are used to modulate cellular expression or intracellular concentration or availability of active IKAP.

The invention provides efficient methods of identifying agents, compounds or lead compounds for agents active at the level of a IKAP modulatable cellular function.

Generally, these screening methods involve assaying for compounds which modulate IKAP interaction with a natural IKAP binding target, such as NIK A wide variety of assays for binding agents are provided including labeled *in vitro* protein-protein binding assays, immunoassays, cell based assays, etc. The methods are amenable to automated, cost-effective high throughput screening of chemical libraries for lead compounds. Identified reagents find use in the pharmaceutical industries for animal and human trials; for example, the reagents may be derivatized and rescreened in *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays to optimize activity and minimize toxicity for pharmaceutical development.

In vitro binding assays employ a mixture of components including an IKAP polypeptide, which may be part of a fusion product with another peptide or polypeptide, e.g. a tag for detection or anchoring, etc. The assay mixtures comprise a natural intracellular IKAP binding target. While native full-length binding targets may be used, it is frequently preferred to use portions (e.g. peptides) thereof so long as the portion provides binding affinity and avidity to the subject IKAP polypeptide conveniently measurable in the assay. The assay mixture also comprises a candidate pharmacological agent. Candidate agents encompass numerous chemical classes, though typically they are organic compounds; preferably small organic compounds and are obtained from a wide variety of sources including libraries of synthetic or natural compounds. A variety of other reagents may also be included in the mixture. These include reagents like salts, buffers, neutral proteins, e.g. albumin, detergents, protease inhibitors, nuclease inhibitors, antimicrobial agents, etc. may be used.

The resultant mixture is incubated under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the candidate pharmacological agent, the IKAP polypeptide specifically binds the cellular binding target, portion or analog with a reference binding affinity. The mixture components can be added in any order that provides for the requisite bindings and incubations may be performed at any temperature which facilitates optimal binding. Incubation periods are likewise selected for optimal binding but also minimized to facilitate rapid, high-throughput screening.

After incubation, the agent-biased binding between the IKAP polypeptide and one or more binding targets is detected by any convenient way. A difference in the binding affinity of the IKAP polypeptide to the target in the absence of the agent as compared with the binding affinity in the presence of the agent indicates that the agent modulates the

binding of the IKAP polypeptide to the IKAP binding target. Analogously, in the cell-based assay also described below, a difference in IKAP-dependent transcriptional activation in the presence and absence of an agent indicates the agent modulates IKAP function. A difference, as used herein, is statistically significant and preferably represents at least a 50%, more preferably at least a 90% difference.

The following experimental section and examples are offered by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

EXAMPLES

1. Protocol for Cell-Based IKAP-NIK Interaction assay

IKAP has been identified as a NIK-interacting protein by coprecipitation assay : 293 cells are transfected with mammalian expression vectors encoding Flag-tagged NIK and Myc-tagged IKAP respectively. After 48 hours, cells are collected. washed twice with phosphate-buffered saline and lysed for 30 min at 4 ^{0}C in 0.5 ml of lysis buffer (50 mM HEPES pH 7.6, 100 mM NaCl, 1 % NP-40, 1 mM EDTA, 10 % glycerol) containing phosphatase and protease inhibitors. Cellular debris are removed by centrifugation at 10,000 x g for 10 min twice. The NaCl concentration of the cell lysates is increased to 250 mM. The cell lysates are incubated for 1 hour on ice with 1 μg of anti-Flag monoclonal antibody or control mouse IgG1 antibody, and an additional hour at 4 ^{0}C with 15 μl of protein G-agarose beads.The beads are then collected. and washed four times with 1 ml of lysis buffer containing 250 mM NaCl. The bound proteins are eluted. fractionated by SDS-PAGE and analyzed by western blotting using anti-Myc or anti-Flag polyclonal antibodies. The immunoblot is developed with horseradish peroxidase-coupled goat anti-rabbit immunoglobin as secondary antibody and visualized using the Enhanced Chemoluminescence (ECL) Detection System.

2. Protocol for Cell-Based NF-κB Reporter Assay

IKAP can trans-activate NF-kB reporter constructs when overexpressed in 293 cells or HeLa cells. 293 cells are transfected using the calcium phosphate precipitation method with a plasmid encoding a 6 NF-kB-luciferase reporter construct and various amounts of expression vector encoding IKAP. After 36-48 hours, cells are left untreated or treated with IL-1 (10-50 ng/ml) or TNF (50-100 ng) for 6 hours prior to harvest. Cells are

lysed and luciferase activity measured using the luciferase assay kit (Promega). The luciferase activity in each transfection is normalized by co-transfecting a pRSV-β gal control vector.

3. Protocol for high throughput in vitro IKAP-NIK binding assay.

A. Reagents:

- Neutralite Avidin: 20 µg/ml in PBS.

- Blocking buffer: 5% BSA, 0.5% Tween 20 in PBS; 1 hour at room temperature.

- Assay Buffer: 100 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES pH 7.6, 1 mM $MgCl_2$, 1% glycerol, 0.5% NP-40, 50 mM β-mercaptoethanol, 1 mg/ml BSA, cocktail of protease inhibitors.

- ^{33}P IKAP polypeptide 10x stock: 10^{-8} - 10^{-6} M "cold" IKAP supplemented with 200,000-250,000 cpm of labeled IKAP (Beckman counter). Place in the 4°C microfridge during screening.

- Protease inhibitor cocktail (1000X): 10 mg Trypsin Inhibitor (BMB # 109894), 10 mg Aprotinin (BMB # 236624), 25 mg Benzamidine (Sigma # B-6506), 25 mg Leupeptin (BMB # 1017128), 10 mg APMSF (BMB # 917575), and 2mM $NaVO_3$ (Sigma # S-6508) in 10 ml of PBS.

-NIK: 10^{-7} - 10^{-5} M biotinylated NIK in PBS.

B. Preparation of assay plates:

- Coat with 120 µl of stock N-Avidin per well overnight at 4°C.
- Wash 2 times with 200 µl PBS.
- Block with 150 µl of blocking buffer.
- Wash 2 times with 200 µl PBS.

C. Assay:

- Add 40 µl assay buffer/well.
- Add 10 µl compound or extract.
- Add 10 µl ^{33}P-IKAP (20-25,000 cpm/0.1-10 pmoles/well = 10^{-9}- 10^{-7} M final conc).
- Shake at 25°C for 15 minutes.
- Incubate additional 45 minutes at 25°C.
- Add 40 µM biotinylated NIK (0.1-10 pmoles/40 ul in assay buffer)
- Incubate 1 hour at room temperature.

- Stop the reaction by washing 4 times with 200 μM PBS.
- Add 150 μM scintillation cocktail.
- Count in Topcount.

D. Controls for all assays (located on each plate):

a. Non-specific binding

b. Soluble (non-biotinylated NIK) at 80% inhibition.

All publications and patent applications cited in this specification are herein incorporated by reference as if each individual publication or patent application were specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference. Although the foregoing invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it will be readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art in light of the teachings of this invention that certain changes and modifications may be made thereto without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof selected from the group consisting of: residues 1-10, 29-41, 75-87, 92-109, 132-141, 192-205, 258-269, 295-311, 316-330, 373-382, 403-422, 474-485, 561-576, 683-697, 768-777, 798-813, 1054-1067, 1181-1192, 1273-1282, 1283-1294, 1295-1312 and 1313-1332, wherein said domain has an IKAP activity selected from at least one of: a NIK-binding or binding inhibitory activity, an NFκB activating or inhibitory activity and an IKAP-specific immunogenicity and/or antigenicity.

2. A recombinant nucleic acid comprising a coding region encoding a polypeptide according to claim 1 flanked by fewer than 2 kb of native flanking sequence.

3. A recombinant nucleic acid comprising a strand of SEQ ID NO:1 or of a fragment selected from the group consisting of nucleotides 1-47, 58-99, 95-138, 181-220, 261-299, 274-315, 351-389, 450-593, 524-546, 561-608, 689-727, 808-837 and 2910-2953, wherein the strand is flanked by fewer than 2 kb of native flanking sequence.

4. A cell comprising a nucleic acid according to claim 2 or 3.

5. A method of making an isolated polypeptide according to claim 1, said method comprising steps: introducing a recombinant nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide according to claim 1 into a host cell or cellular extract, incubating said host cell or extract under conditions whereby said nucleic acid is expressed as a transcript and said transcript is expressed as a translation product comprising said polypeptide, and isolating said translation product.

6. A method of screening for an agent which modulates the interaction of an IKAP polypeptide to a binding target, said method comprising the steps of:

incubating a mixture comprising:

an isolated polypeptide according to claim 1,

a binding target of said polypeptide, and

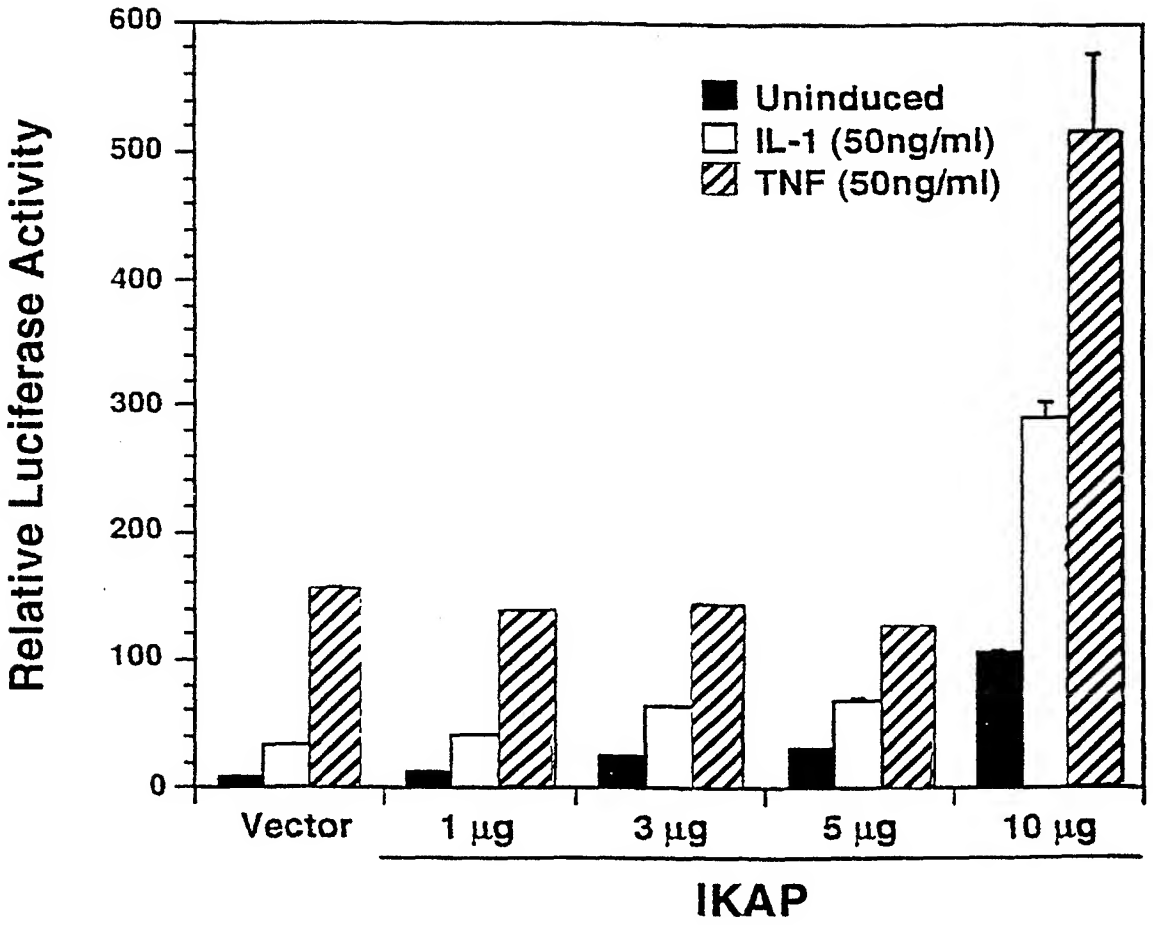
a candidate agent:

under conditions whereby, but for the presence of said agent, said polypeptide specifically binds said binding target at a reference affinity;

detecting the binding affinity of said polypeptide to said binding target to determine an agent-biased affinity, wherein a difference between the agent-biased affinity and the reference affinity indicates that said agent modulates the binding of said polypeptide to said binding target.

7. A method for modulating signal transduction in a cell, said method comprising the step of contacting the cell with an agent which modulates IKAP activity, wherein the agent is a nucleic acid according to claim 2 or 3.

FIG. 1



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(A) LENGTH: 1332 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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Cys Leu Asn Leu Ile Lys Asp Lys Asn Leu Tyr Asn Glu Ala Leu Lys
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Met Ala Ser Tyr Gln Gln Gln Lys Thr Ser Val Pro Val Leu Asp Ala
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Glu Leu Phe Ile Pro Pro Lys Ile Asn Arg Arg Thr Gln Trp Lys Leu
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Ser Leu Leu Asp
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